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Honorable Daniel K. Inouye, Chairman  
Select Committee on Intelligence  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in response to your request of 5 November 1976 for the position of this Agency on the release to former Ambassador Korry of his 24 February 1976 testimony before the Senate Select Committee on Government Operations with Respect to Intelligence Activities. As your letter indicates, in April of this year CIA objected to release of any part of this testimony to former Ambassador Korry. Our position has not changed. Release to former Ambassador Korry is equivalent to public release. This Agency has consistently opposed the public release and discussion of sensitive intelligence operations, such as the program discussed in considerable detail in this testimony. This position is consistent with the responsibility of the Director of Central Intelligence to protect intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure and the view of this Agency that public discussion of such activities simply is contrary to the interests of the Government.

Sincerely,

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